

It hasn't worked in the past and it is a waste of the consumer dollars to put broadcast flag circuitry into the newest recording devices. This is the greed that will kill the industry that is asking the FCC to "protect" it. Copy right thieves will find a way around the circuitry, the citizens wanting to time shift programs will be inconvenienced and we will all pay more for a feature we do not need or want.

Please do not follow the empty logic of the same people who killed the DAT format. The FCC is being asked to authorize more government sponsored censorship with the same panic and protest, this time the target is all future improvements of recording devices.

Once a work is broadcast, anyone should have the right to make personal copies and view or listen to it at their convenience. If the owner does not want that to happen then the choice is to sell the work as media or pay per view but not as broadcast signals.

To copy and sell copy righted material is unlawful now. We do not need government sanctioned electronic handcuffs installed at our expense on all recording devices. You are being asked to levy a tax on millions of citizens in the hope of inconvenience to a very few copy right thieves. It is a poor equation at best.

Please also consider the history of the industry petitioning for your intervention. This industry has bribed and intimidated for decades and this is just their latest version of the same old tactics. They need no more help than the laws currently on the books.